3. The mining investment and local impact fund, which consists of moneys obtained from the net proceeds tax on metallic mineral mining, can be used as a source of funds for environmental repair at approved mining waste facilities.

4. The DNR is required to promulgate rules establishing criteria for decisions on the amount of state funds to be expended for the required cost share at federal superfund sites.

5. The DNR is authorized to require monitoring at nonapproved facilities as a condition of licensing. A nonapproved facility is entitled to a credit against the $1,000 base fee equal to the cost of monitoring, with a maximum credit of $900.

6. The DNR is authorized to issue special orders requiring a person, who was the owner or operator of a facility which is no longer in operation, to conduct monitoring at the facility. If a municipality is responsible for monitoring at a closed facility, the municipality is only required to pay for monitoring costs up to $3 per resident. The environmental repair fund will pay the additional monitoring costs at municipal facilities.

7. New statutory language provides authorization for an abandoned container program. Although the DNR previously had an appropriation for this purpose, there was no statutory language relating to abandoned containers.

Part III The Groimdwater Fund

This Part of the Memorandum contains a summary, in Table 2, of the "groundwater fees" imposed annually under Act 410. All of the groundwater fees shown in Table 2 are paid into the groundwater fund, which is created by Act 410. The dollar amounts of the groundwater fees are specified in Act 410. The amount of the groundwater fee collected from each activity is an estimate, based on recent information about each activity. Table 2 also lists the "basic fee/' if any, for the same activities. The basic fee is the existing fee for each license, permit, inspection or other activity. All groundwater fees imposed by Act 410 are in addition to the basic fees.

The groundwater fees are deposited in the groundwater fund. The ground-water fund is a segregated fund, which means that the fund is set apart in an account which is separate from the state's general fund. The groundwater fund is available only to pay for setting groundwater standards, establishing a groundwater monitoring program and undertaking inventory and site investigation of abandoned landfills.

The specific appropriations from the groundwater fund are described in Part I, Section I, and Part II, Section B [ss. 25.17 (1) (gm) and 25.48].